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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during November totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from October but 17 percent below the previous year.

There were 500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during November, down 100 head from October and 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 720 pounds, up 15 pounds from the previous month but three pounds below October 2008. Total live weight, at 340,000 pounds, was down 14 percent from the previous month and 28 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during November totaled 400 head, unchanged from October but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 516 pounds, up 22 pounds from October but eight pounds below a year ago. Total live weight, at 218,000 pounds, was down one percent from October and 18 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during November totaled 1,200 head, up 100 head from the previous month but 200 head below November 2008. Average live weight was 182 pounds, down two pounds from October but nine pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 226,000 pounds, up ten percent from October but seven percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during November was 300 head, unchanged from October and the previous year. Live weight averaged 60 pounds, unchanged from the previous month but eight pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.0 billion pounds in November, up two percent from the 3.9 billion pounds produced in November 2008.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. **November 2008** contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.0 billion pounds, was three percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.6 million head, up three percent from November 2008. The average live weight was down four pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.8 million pounds, five percent above November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, up slightly from November 2008. The average live weight was up six pounds from last year, at 246 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.9 billion pounds, up two percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.5 million head, up one percent from November 2008. The average live weight was up one pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,200 head, 14 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down three pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2009 commercial red meat production was 45.1 billion pounds, down two percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down three percent from last year; veal was down four percent; pork was down one percent from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down two percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	October	November		January - November		November		January - November	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	0.6	0.7	0.5	6.8	6.6	2,516.3	2,599.3	31,693.4	30,580.5
Calves	0.4	0.5	0.4	4.2	4.0	81.1	81.2	862.4	851.5
Hogs	1.1	1.4	1.2	13.8	11.5	9,323.1	9,460.5	106,307.0	103,750.6
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.9	192.5	219.2	2,324.6	2,282.0
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	395	473	340	5,304	4,779	3,265,015	3,362,620	40,425,532	39,404,511
Calves	221	265	218	2,145	2,047	19,171	19,748	220,136	211,374
Hogs	205	244	226	2,771	2,251	2,524,035	2,572,608	28,457,431	28,060,072
Sheep & Lambs	17	18	18	245	248	25,689	28,733	316,785	309,770
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	705	723	720	780	724	1,302	1,298	1,280	1,293
Calves	494	524	516	511	512	240	246	259	251
Hogs	184	173	182	201	196	271	272	268	271
Sheep & Lambs	60	68	60	72	64	134	131	136	136
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.5	0.6	0.5	6.5	5.8	3,869.5	3,962.8	46,060.3	45,117.2

Louisiana Hog Inventory

Louisiana's total hog inventory for December 1, 2009, at 10,000 head, was down 1,000 head from December 2008. At 2,000 head, the Louisiana breeding hog inventory was the same as the December 1 inventory a year ago. Market hog inventory totaled 8,000 head, 1,000 head below a year earlier.

The December 2008 - November 2009 Louisiana pig crop, at 14,100 head, was down 8,300 head from the pig crop in December 2007 - November 2008 period. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 1,700 head, down 1,600 head from the previous year. An average of 8.29 pigs was saved per litter during the December 2008 - November 2009 period.

United States Hog Inventory

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009, was 65.8 million head. This was down two percent from December 1, 2008, and down two percent from September 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.9 million head, was down three percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.0 million head, was down two percent from last year and down two percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down two percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.0 million head, down two percent from 2008 and down six percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.7 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.5 last year. The liter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.4 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.8 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, December 1, 2009

Item	Louisiana		United States ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- 1,000 Head -----	
Total Hogs and Pigs	11.0	10.0	67,148	65,807
Breeding	2.0	2.0	6,062	5,850
Market	9.0	8.0	61,087	59,957
Under 50 pounds	3.0	3.0	19,428	19,085
50-119 pounds	2.0	2.0	17,396	17,062
120-179 pounds	2.0	2.0	12,731	12,529
180 pounds & over	2.0	1.0	11,533	11,282

¹ Weight groups may not add to market total due to rounding.

Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, Selected States and United States, December 2008 – November 2009

Selected States	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Number -----		----- 1,000 Head -----	
Alabama	27.0	32.0	8.93	8.47	241.0	271.0
Arkansas	185	168	9.72	9.73	1,799.0	1,634.0
Louisiana	3.30	1.70	6.79	8.29	22.4	14.1
Mississippi	75.0	76.0	9.63	9.68	722.0	736.0
Texas	207	171	8.93	9.44	1,848.0	1,614.0
United States	12,225	11,969	9.41	9.62	115,030	115,174

Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 136 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from November. The Crop Index was down two points but the Livestock Index increased three points. Producers received higher prices for milk, soybeans, grapes and strawberries and lower prices for oranges, cattle, corn and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up one point from December 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, increased two points from last month and increased five points from December 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 77 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from November but one point below December 2008. Lower prices in December for diesel, feeder cattle, other services and potash & phosphate offset higher prices for herbicides, feeder pigs, supplements and LP gas.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	December 2008	November 2009	December ¹ 2009	December 2008	November 2009	December ¹ 2009
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.12	9.60	2/	9.24	9.53	9.96
Sorghum, per cwt	n/a	2/	2/	5.13	5.67	5.86
Rice, per cwt	17.40	13.20	13.00	18.60	13.80	14.20
Upland Cotton, per pound	.448	.644	.595 ³	.533	.585	.582 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	138.00	107.00	107.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	51.00	52.60	54.60	79.70	79.60	78.20
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	73.50	76.80	77.00	85.70	85.40	83.50
Cows, per cwt ⁵	40.40	39.00	44.00	40.20	41.70	42.90
Calves, per cwt	84.20	89.30	94.00	98.90	105.00	105.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.480	.410	.410
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.999	1.010	1.050
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.50	15.30	16.30

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 15
by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2006 – 2009**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2006	2007	2008	2009
All Cotton				
Alabama	590,850	369,950	413,800	255,150
Arizona	321,600	304,450	251,550	284,550
Arkansas	2,373,150	1,806,050	1,226,550	785,950
California	1,027,800	1,030,750	610,300	501,800
Florida	128,000	100,300	102,950	71,300
Georgia	1,813,250	1,386,500	1,330,700	1,254,500
Kansas	64,250	31,900	15,950	11,200
Louisiana	1,249,000	695,800	279,500	331,800
Mississippi	2,028,100	1,270,050	654,350	391,050
Missouri	898,950	783,100	698,600	496,650
New Mexico	39,300	36,650	32,000	33,600
North Carolina	1,152,750	761,500	702,950	693,050
Oklahoma	150,450	214,750	175,150	174,850
South Carolina	320,700	142,950	211,200	183,000
Tennessee	1,176,950	586,400	520,950	468,200
Texas	4,198,400	4,723,800	3,132,850	3,694,100
Virginia	123,700	95,600	103,950	102,450
United States	17,657,200	14,340,500	10,463,300	9,733,200
American-Pima				
Arizona	6,250	2,350	1/	2,400
California	403,850	519,400	314,100	289,050
New Mexico	12,350	7,900	1/	4,600
Texas	28,700	25,550	17,000	21,900
United States	451,150	555,200	332,900	317,950

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in U.S. totals.

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